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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 5,446, 719 (Yoshida et al.), dated August 29, 1995, and corresponding European Patent Application EP 0 555 097 A1, dated August 11, 1993;

United States Patent No. 5,689,108 (Ohyama), dated November 18, 1997;

United States Patent No. 6,104,690 (Feldman et al.), dated August 15, 2000;

United States Patent No. 6,385,157 B1 (Nakano), dated May 7, 2002;

International Search Report dated December 2, 2003.

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